

# **Lake Harding Leaseholders Association, Inc.**

## **Meeting Minutes**

**January 26, 2022**

### **Call to order**

President Jay Clark called the meeting of Leaseholders Association Board of Directors to order at 6:00 p.m. on January 26, 2022, at Keller Williams Realty in Columbus, GA.

### **Roll call**

The following persons were present: President Jay Clark; Treasurer Richard Young; Secretary Brette Johnson; Board Members Scott Peebles, Bill Wadsworth, Keith Padgett, Pam Thomas, Jamie Griffis, and Janet Davis.

### **Approval of minutes from last quarterly meeting**

Minutes from the previous meeting were presented. Richard Young moved to approve the minutes; Jamie Griffis seconded the motion. Motion carried.

### **Approval of Treasurer's Report**

Richard Young presented the current financial statement. We have lost 49 members; all of those have moved away from the lake. Several members have reported having issues with online payment through Pay Pal. Richard has discussed this with Pay Pal and the issue is with the individuals' accounts. Members should be advised to reboot their Pay Pal account and that should resolve any issues. The 2022 budget was approved at the last meeting and there are no changes. Richard will be distributing the approved donations next week. After a review of the report, Bill Wadsworth moved to approve the financials as presented; Jamie Griffis seconded the motion. Motion carried.

### **Old Business**

1. Contributions to help with maintenance of Two Tree Island has been approved. We are waiting for Chad Morgan to let us know how we can help.
2. Scott Peebles has been including a flag, along with the membership directory to all new members. He has not had any feedback from new members.
3. Bill Wadsworth reported that all Neighborhood Watch signs that have been requested have been put up. Jay Clark reported that one has been stolen and Bill will get that one replaced. Jamie Griffis needs a sign for Quail Hollow and would like more signs for the GA side.

4. Pam Thomas and Jamie Griffis have been working together on the Lake Harding welcome signs to be erected on the Alabama and the Georgia side. They presented pictures of stone signs and a potential logo to the board and everyone approved of both the design and the logo. The new owner of Backwater Plaza has approved erection of the sign on his property on the Georgia side; we need to talk with the new owners of the property near Long Bridge in Alabama to get their approval. We have approved \$4,000 for each sign. Jamie will work with a location contractor to build both signs.

## **New Business**

### **Boating Safety**

1. Jay Clark met with Georgia DNR officer, Greg Castelli, and asked if there was any way the association could help. When GA DNR sees a boat without proper lighting, they will provide ChemLights, which are light sticks that provide a bright, colored light temporarily for the captain to navigate the boat back to safety (and legally). We could provide a year's supply of ChemLights for \$250. We would like to do the same for the AL patrol, but Jay has not been able to talk with anyone. Bill Wadsworth moved that we purchase the supply for GA DNR; Scott Peebles seconded the motion. Motion carried. Jay Clark will order the ChemLights and get them to the GA DNR officers.

2. Officer Castelli also offered to lead a Boating Safety Course if we could find the meeting space on the Georgia side. (They are unable to conduct courses in Alabama.) Brette Johnson will reach out to the owner of 219 On the Lake to see if that space may be available for the course. 1827 Real Estate (Jamie and Terri Griffis) will provide lunch for the instructors and attendees if we are able to put this together. We would like to do this early spring.

3. Jay Clark has gotten involved with an organization, Safe Kids Columbus. One of the projects Safe Kids Columbus has is providing life jacket stations on our Lake at the public boat ramps at Long Bridge and Idle Hour Park. These are simple structures with basic life jackets for visitors who do not have a life jacket to borrow one for the day. Jay has volunteered us to help construct stations at the other three public boat ramps before the spring. The next meeting with Safe Kids Columbus is 02/09/2022; Jay will be out of town, so Bill Wadsworth will attend to represent LHA. We will also help Safe Kids Columbus monitor the life jacket stations to keep them neat and supplied

## **Event Planning**

1. The Annual Meeting has been set for 04/14/2022. The venue has been reserved. We will begin with a cash bar at 6:00; dinner will be served at 6:30; the meeting will begin at 7:30. GA Power representatives will be invited to attend. Richard will include the invitation to the meeting in a mass email to the membership.
2. Bill Wadsworth and Brette Johnson will coordinate the Fall BBQs. We hope to be able to have two events, again, with one on the Alabama side and one on the Georgia side.

## **Social Media**

Judy Wilkinson has recently set up a Lake Harding Association page on Facebook. Bill Wadsworth has been trying to contact Judy to find out how we can help with the administration of the page and fully utilize it. Jamie Griffis has a person in his office who is very good with social media and may be able to help with these efforts. Bill will continue to reach out to Judy and provide an update at the next meeting.

## **GA Power Letter**

Richard Young reported that, so far, we have gotten eight new members from the mass mailing GA Power sent out on behalf of the association. The last time we did this, we had 100 new members join, but it is still very early, as the letter was sent out recently.

## **GA Power**

Keith Padgett met with Dawson from GA Power today. They are now back to full staff. If you call the office, the new Support Specialist is Jessica Stewart.

The staff is overwhelmed right now, as lots of unpermitted projects have been done on the lake during the pandemic. Anything unpermitted projects GA Power finds must be torn down/removed, or they will terminate the lease. Permitting is now automated, [www.georgiapowerlakes.com](http://www.georgiapowerlakes.com), Bartlett's Ferry Lakes.

## **Board of Directors**

Brette Johnson and Pam Thomas wish to resign from the board. They will both work to find replacements for their positions.

All other board members agreed to serve another term.

Keith Padgett nominated Jay Clark to serve as President for the upcoming year. The vote was unanimous.

Bill Wadsworth nominated Richard Young to serve as Treasurer for the upcoming year. The vote was unanimous.

With no one volunteering to serve as Secretary, it was decided that the board will have another meeting, hopefully with new prospects attending, prior to the annual meeting.

## **Draw Down**

No firm date has been set for the draw down at this time. Several variables must be considered.

## **Rumble on the River**

The contract has been signed with the vendor for the July 3, 2022 fireworks show. The cost of the show was increased to \$40,000.

## **Adjournment**

With no further business, President Jay Clark adjourned the meeting.

Minutes submitted by: Secretary Brette Johnson